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NEW MEXICO BY COMPARISON

The census bureau has just issued bulletin 98 containing an enumeration of the supervisors' districts and the population of each as it stood in 1900. The most cursory glance through the pages reveals facts that are of more than passing interest to the citizens of New Mexico when one remembers that one of the principal arguments against statehood for this territory was that we did not have a heavy enough population to warrant giving us two representatives in the United States senate.

Ordinarily we are somewhat averse to the plan of quoting figures in our editorial columns for the reason that they are usually pretty dull reading. In the present case, however, they will throw floods of light on the possible and even probable future of this territory. When the last census was taken, New Mexico, with one supervisor's district, was credited with 195,310 inhabitants. Montana, with two districts, had 243,329 people. Nevada, 42,335; Idaho, 161,772; Oregon (1905), 464,538; South Dakota, (1905), 455,188; Utah, 276,749; Wyoming (1905), 101,816; Washington, 518,103; North Dakota (1905), 439,678; Colorado 539,700; Delaware 184,735; Florida, 528,542; Maine, 694,466; Connecticut, 908,420; and Rhode Island (1905), the state that at present has the preponderance of influence in the United

States senate, 430,682. Our sister territory, Arizona, was credited with 122,931.

It is an established fact that the center of population has been slowly shifting westward, and that during the last ten years more people have come west of the Mississippi river and settled than during any other like period in the history of the country. New Mexico is getting her full share of these and it is confidently expected that next year's figures are well up toward the 450,000 mark. To those who believe in the future of the southwest this should be encouraging.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Gov. John A. Johnson's speech at the Seattle exposition was a strategic seizure of existing political conditions in order to call upon the west to make a due assertion of its power. It shows that the Minnesota governor is alive to the signs of the times. He has marked the growing resentment of great western states at their subordination in national law making, especially tariffs, to the interests of a selfish oligarchy of eastern senators. He has seen the two republican senators from his own state in open revolt against the hide-bound management of their party, in respect to tariff legislation, and has noted the increasing symptoms of a republican break-up in the whole middle west and northwest. If there is to be a new party alignment, by which the west and the south should join hands against the east, Gov. Johnson is in a fine position to assume its leadership. But whatever the future has in store for him, there can be no doubt that he has uttered the thoughts of many hearts. Everything that has occurred in the special session of congress has shown how ripe the west is for revolt. From that section came most of the republicans who refused to bow the knee longer to the Baal of protection. It was an Illinois republican congressman, Mr. Mann, who showed how the popular demand for free wood pulp and cheaper printing paper had been defeated by the power of a single senator—Hale of Maine. And the sharpest exposures of the frauds and villanies in the tariff have been made by western senators. The whole situation is one to give serious disquiet to President Taft. It portends disaster to his party in next year's elections, unless the needed steps are taken to allay

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the growing discontent. Those steps are obvious. It must be made plain that the administration proposes to keep up the fight on tariff injustices, and, by means of the tariff commission and in other ways, to get them stricken from the law.—New York Evening Post.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS

Farmers coming into the city from Mora and vicinity report that they have had two light frosts out there recently but no damage resulted from either.

Rafael R. Marquez, an aged man residing on the Creston west of the city, died Sunday morning of old age, the deceased being 80 years of age. The funeral took place this afternoon from the West side Catholic church.

Berbito Ortiz, aged 84 years of age, a native residing in the upper town died very suddenly yesterday afternoon, probably of old age. The remains will be interred in the cemetery in upper Las Vegas tomorrow.

Don't forget that Col. Buffalo Jones will lecture at the Duncan opera house on Friday on "A Life Time With Wild Animals." Something instructive, something new. Prices 15c, 25c and 35c. Ask for reserved seats.

The Masons of Tucumcari are preparing to institute a new chapter of the local lodge. C. D. Boucher, of Las Vegas, grand high priest of the Royal Arch Masons of the territory will go there about August 16th to put on the work.

Edward McWenle who drove in Sunday from the Rio de la Casa reports

that heavy rains fell in that vicinity all the time he was out and that the day the party of which he was a member went out they were drenched. McWenle doesn't say anything about the fish he caught, though.

It is a question among many residents of the West side if the town duds over there are going to light up the town again. Several lights have been cut out and it is quite noticeable at night, especially where the loss of lights has made some portions of the city very dark.

The following composed an outing party which left Las Vegas Saturday night, returning Sunday afternoon and made the ascent of Hermit's peak in two hours and a half: Juan B. Guerlin, Ignacio Rimbart, Ignacio Romero, Eustacio Montoya, Albino Jacobson, Menar Baca, Antonio Gallegos, Jubencio Lucero, Ricardo Garcia, Oligario Romero, Enrique Sena, Jr., Luis Gomez and Emiliano Garcia.

A man giving the name of A. P. Willis, was taken into custody by Officer Charles Kelly last evening for being intoxicated and a nuisance about the streets. On appearing before Judge Murray this morning, Willis stated, that he had \$60.00 on his person yesterday afternoon but of this only \$1.02 remained this morning. Willis feels that he got into a dive about the city somewhere and was given a little of the "black bottle" and later relieved of his cash, as he does not remember having spent very much money before the intoxicant began to work on him. It is possible that some slippery fingered hanger-on at some saloon knew that Willis had the money and took foul means to get it away from him. Incidentally he received eight days on the streets.

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MARKET REPORTS.

St. Louis Wool.

St. Louis, Aug. 10.—Wool steady, territory western mediums 23@28; fine mediums 22@24; fine 13@19.

Chicago Provisions

Chicago, Aug. 10.—Wheat Sept. 27 5-8; Dec. 95@1-8; corn Sept. 63 1-2; Dec. 54 3-4; oats Sept. 36 3-8@1-2; Dec. 36 5-8. Pork Sept. 2045; Oct. 1890; lard Sept. 1117 1-2; October 1112 1-2; ribs Sept. 1087 1-2; Oct. 1057 1-2.

New York Stocks.

New York, Aug. 10.—Copper firm standard spot 1275@1285; lead 425@432; bar silver 50 7-8; prime paper 4@4 1-2; call money easy 2@1-2; Mexican dollars 44. Amalgamated 85 3-8; Atchison 1739 7-8; N. Y. Cent. 139 1-2; Sou. Pac. 134 7-8; Union Pacific 204 1-2; steel 77 5-8; steel prfd. 126 3-8.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—Cattle 6000 weak, beefs \$4.40@7.55; Texas steers \$4.40@5.60; western steers \$4.00@6.00; stokers' feeders \$3.00@5.15; cows, heifers \$2.30@6.30; calves \$5.50@8.00. Hogs 12,000 best steady, others weak light \$7.50@8.95; mixed \$7.30@8.05; heavy \$7.20@8.05; rough \$7.20@7.40; good choice heavy \$7.40@8.05; pigs \$7.00@8.00; bulk sales \$7.50@7.90. Sheep 18,000 steady, native \$3.00@5.10; western \$3.00@5.75; yearlings \$4.75@5.75; lambs native \$4.50@7.80; western \$4.50@7.75.

Kansas City Live Stock.

Kansas City, Aug. 12,000; including 3000 southern, steady; native steers \$4.50@7.50; southern steers \$3.50@

5.15; southern cows \$2.60@4.00; native cows, heifers \$2.30@7.25; stockers' feeders \$3.00@5.25; bulls \$3.00@4.00; calves \$4.00@7.00; western steers \$4.00@6.25; western cows \$2.75@4.50. Hogs 5400 steady, bulk sales \$7.50@7.75; heavy \$7.70@7.80; packers' butchers \$7.75@7.80; light \$7.40@7.70; pigs \$6.50@7.25. Sheep 6000 steady, muttons, \$4.00@5.00; lambs \$5.50@7.40; range ewes \$3.50@5.00; range wethers \$3.00@4.75.

FORMER LAS VEGAS MAN IS KILLED BY ACCIDENT

Eloy Gonzales, who went by the name of George James, a former resident of Las Vegas, who ran a restaurant on Bridge Street, was mistaken for a "Peeping Tom" a few days ago in Denver and shot and mortally wounded, expiring the following day. At the time he received the fatal wound, James was walking through an alley in the rear of a hotel, on his way to work, being employed as a waiter in a Denver restaurant. A few minutes before he entered the alley, a waitress in the hotel, had complained to the manager that a man was in the alley peeping into her room, and the manager grabbing a gun, rushed into the alley. The guilty party had fled, but James, the innocent victim, had just entered the alley. Mistaking him for the "Peeping Tom" the hotel manager shot him. He was taken to a hospital, but died the following day.

Mrs. A. R. Armijo and children, of Albuquerque, arrived here yesterday, en route for Los Alamos, N. M., near Las Vegas, where they will be the guests of Mrs. Peter W. Frank for a couple of weeks.



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